

## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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Proposed Information Collection (Student Beneficiary Report – REPS (Restored Entitlement Program for Survivors) Activity: Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs

**ACTION: Notice** 

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed revision of a currently approved collection and allow 60 days for public comment in response to this notice. This notice solicits comments on the information needed to confirm a student's continued entitlement to Restored Entitlement Program for Survivors.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before [Insert date 60 days after date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at <a href="www.Regulations.gov">www.Regulations.gov</a> or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M35), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420 or email <a href="management-nancy.kessinger@va.gov">nancy.kessinger@va.gov</a>.

Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0399" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 632-8924 or FAX (202) 632-8925.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501 – 3521), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VBA invites comments on: (1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

<u>Title</u>: Student Beneficiary Report – REPS (Restored Entitlement Program For Survivors), VA Forms 21-8938 and 21–8938–1.

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Type of Review: Revision of a previously approved collection.

Abstract: Students between the ages of 18–23 who are receiving Restored Entitlement

Program for Survivors (REPS) benefits based on schoolchild status complete VA Forms

21-8938 and 21-8938-1 to certify that he or she is enroll full-time in an approved

school. REPS benefit is paid to children of Veterans who died in service or who died as

a result of service-connected disability incurred or aggravated prior to August 13, 1981.

VA uses the data collected to determine the student's eligibility for continued REPS

benefits.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,767.

<u>Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent</u>: 20 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,300.

DATED: June 9, 2014

By direction of the Secretary:

Crystal Rennie, Department Clearance Officer,

Department of Veterans Affairs

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